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SUBJECT: STRONG DESIRE OF ASEAN TO BE MENTIONED IN PRESIDENT-
ELECT CARTER'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

1. I WAS INVITED TO LUNCH BY PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIWICHIAN AT HIS OFFICE TODAY AND WAS SURPRISED TO FIND ON ARRIVAL THAT THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND HIS DEPUTY, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY WERE PRESENT. THE OTHER TOPICS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED TO DISCUSS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL, BUT HE LED OFF WITH A STATEMENT REGARDING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE HE AND THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES ATTACHED TO HAVING PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER MENTION ASEAN IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN EXPLAINED THAT THIS MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED IN WASHINGTON BY THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR SPEAKING FOR ASEAN WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD IT HAD ALSO
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BEEN MENTIONED AT A LUNCHEON FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY. THE THAI GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTED THIS DEMARCHE AND WISHED TO REAFFIRM ITS INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES WERE SEEKING REASSURANCE WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTANCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ATTACHED

TO ASEAN IN GENERAL. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THAILAND WHICH WAS IN THE "FRONT LINES" AND WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

4. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I WOULD IMMEDIATELY REPORT THEIR STATEMENTS TO WASHINGTON SO THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT COULD TAKE THEM INTO CONSIDERATION WHILE PREPARING HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH.
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